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SUBJECT: GOE BRINGS BORDER INCIDENTS TO ATTENTION OF GOP

REF: (A) QUITO 3423; (B) QUITO 3488;

1. ON JUNE 20 AMBASSADOR ALFREDO LUNA TOBAR, DIRGEN OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, GAVE CHARGE A COPY OF AN AIDE MEMOIRE HE SAID FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD PASSED SAME DAY TO PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR ARTURO GARCIA. LUNA TOLD CHARGE THAT SAME INFORMATION HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED TO ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR VASCO IN LIMA WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO DISCUSS THE MATTER IN COMPLETE FRANKNESS WITH AMBASSADOR SHLAUDEMAN.

2. TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE ON THE 13TH OF MAY THREE PERUVIAN WAR PLANES ENTERED DEEPLY INTO ECUADOREAN TERRITORY AND OVERFLEW THE VILLAGE OF CELICA AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, SITUATED A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE FROM PERU. ON MAY 17 A PERUVIAN RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT ENTERED NATIONAL TERRITORY AND OVERFLEW THE VILLAGE OF
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ZAPOTILLO AND OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE SAME AREA OVER WHICH IT ENGAGED IN RAPID DESCENTS (DESCENSOS EN PICADA) AND LOW-LEVEL PASSES (VUELOS RASANTES), FINALLY LEAVING IN THE DIRECTION OF MACRA. ON THE SAME DATE THREE PERUVIAN WARPLANES OVERFLEW THE SAME AREA OF ZAPOTILLO, CONTINUING TOWARD THE NORTHEAST, AND PASSING LATER OVER THE VILLAGE OF CELICA SITUATED 45

KILOMETERS FROM ZAPOTILLO. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE AIDE MEMOIRE IS RAISING ENTIRELY NEW INCIDENTS OR WHETHER THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS JUST NOW GETTING AROUND TO FORMALLY PRO-TESTING THE EARLIER INCIDENTS. THE MAY 13 INCIDENT, HOWEVER, APPEARS TO BE ONE NOT REPORTED TO US EARLIER. SIMILARLY, ONE OF THE ZAPOTILLO INCIDENTS -- THAT IN WHICH THE THREE AIRCRAFT CONTINUED ON TO CELICA -- DOES NOT APPEAR TO COINCIDE WITH PREVIOUSLY REPORTED INCIDENTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ZAPOTILLO INCIDENT INVOLVING A RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT COULD BE THE SAME INCIDENT ADMIRAL OLMEDO REPORTED TO THE CHARGE ON MAY 23 (PARA. 6, REF B). IN ANY EVENT IT IS CLEAR THAT THE GOE CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED OVER THESE INCIDENTS AND INTENDS TO BUILD A RECORD, BOTH WITH THE GOP AND WITH THE US, OF WHAT GOE PERCEIVES AS PERUVIAN PROVOCATIONS.
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